

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 3, 7-10, 14, 17, 22-24, 28-29, 31-33, 36-39, 41-46, and 48, as shown below; and

Please CANCEL claim 6, without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently Amended) A service provisioning method ~~in a communication system, the method~~ comprising:

receiving, at a first entity associated with ~~the a~~ communication system from a storage entity, information ~~regarding~~ comprising an address of or a name of a communication control entity configured to service a user of the communication system; and

generating, by the first entity, an initial request on behalf of the user; and

based on said information, signaling ~~an the originating request~~ initial request from the first entity to the communication control entity,

wherein the ~~originating request~~ initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes an indication that further communications associated with the ~~originating request~~initial request shall be handled in a similar manner as though the request had originated from the user.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein either terminating services or originating services are provided based on the request.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
deciding, in the first entity, how the communication control entity shall handle further communications associated with the request.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request is generated based on information regarding ~~an~~the address of the communication control entity.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
modifying, by the first entity, said information regarding the address of the communication control entity before sending the ~~originating request~~initial request.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
adding, by the first entity, a service type indicator into the ~~originating~~
~~request~~initial request.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the service type
indicator is included in ~~an~~the address of the communication control entity.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the service type
indicator is included in a user part of the address.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the service type
indicator is included in a domain part of the address.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
selecting, by the first entity, a port where the request shall be sent.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information
received from the storage entity comprises ~~an~~a universal resource identifier of the
communication control entity.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a name of the communication control entity.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a service type indicator parameter.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending an enquiry to a database from the first entity before sending the ~~originating request~~initial request, said enquiry being based on the information regarding the communication control entity.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
enquiring, by the first entity, for service records of a domain name system for obtaining routing information regarding a desired service.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
enquiring, by the first entity, for naming authority pointer resource records to find available services.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending an enquiry from the first entity for said information regarding the communication control entity configured to service the user.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity information is stored in the storage entity.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
fetching said at least two different addresses from the storage entity by the first entity before sending of said request.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
fetching one of said at least two different addresses from the storage entity by the first entity before sending of said request.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~originating~~
~~request~~initial request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first entity comprises an application server.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication control entity comprises a serving call session control function.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the storage entity comprises a user information storage entity.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein the user information storage entity is one of a home subscriber server, a subscriber location function, or a service and ~~a~~-subscription repository.

29. (Currently Amended) A communication system ~~arranged for provisioning of services for a user of the communication system~~, comprising:

a communication control entity configured to service a user of ~~the~~ a communication system; and

a first entity provided with a first interface configured to receive information from a storage entity comprising an address of or a name of the communication control entity ~~regarding the user~~ and a second interface configured to signal an ~~originating request~~ initial request to the communication control entity based on said information from the storage entity,

wherein the first entity is configured to generate the initial request on behalf of the user, and

wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 29, wherein the origination request signaled on the interface between the first entity and the communication control entity includes a service type indicator.

32. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 31, wherein the service type indicator is included in ~~an~~the address of the communication control entity.

33. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 29, further comprising:

a database configured to store service related information.

34. (Previously Presented) The communication system of claim 33, wherein the database comprises a domain name system.

35. (Previously Presented) The communication system of claim 29, wherein the storage entity is configured to store information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity.

36. (Currently Amended) The communication system of claim 29, wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.

37. (Currently Amended) An application server ~~for a communication system,~~
~~the application server~~ comprising:

a first interface configured to receive information from a storage entity regarding a user of the communication system; and

a second interface configured to signal an ~~originating request~~initial request to a communication control entity configured to service the user based on said information from the storage entity, the information comprising an address of or a name of the communication control entity,

wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

38. (Currently Amended) An ~~originating request~~initial request to be signaled on an interface between a first entity of a communication system and a communication

control entity configured to service a user of the communication system, the ~~originating request~~initial request being generated based on information from a user information storage entity, wherein the information comprises an address of or a name of the communication control entity, wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

39. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication system~~network entity for service provisioning, ~~the system comprising:~~

receiving means for receiving at a first entity associated with the communication system from a storage entity, information ~~regarding~~comprising a name of or an address of a communication control entity configured to service a user of the communication system; and

signaling means for signaling an ~~originating request~~initial request from the first entity to the communication control entity based on said information,

wherein the network entity is configured to generate the initial request on behalf of the user, and

wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~network entity of claim 39, wherein the information received from the storage entity comprises a service type indicator parameter.

42. (Currently Amended) The ~~network entity~~system of claim 39, further comprising:

sending means for sending an enquiry to a database from the first entity, wherein the sending means is configured to send the enquiry before the ~~originating request~~initial request is sent, and said enquiry is based on the information regarding the communication control entity.

43. (Currently Amended) The ~~network entity~~system of claim 42, wherein the first entity is configured to enquire for service records of a domain name system for obtaining routing information regarding a desired service.

44. (Currently Amended) The ~~network entity~~system of claim 39, wherein information regarding at least two different addresses for the communication control entity information is stored in the storage entity.

45. (Currently Amended) The ~~network entity~~system of claim 39, wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request is indicative of filter criteria to be applied to the request.

46. (Currently Amended) A network entity~~for a communication system~~, the ~~network entity~~comprising:

a first interface configured to receive information from a storage entity ~~regarding a user of the communication system~~comprising an address of or a name of a communication control entity configured to service the user based on said information from the storage entity; and

a second interface configured to signal an ~~originating request~~initial request to a ~~the communication control entity configured to service the user based on said information from the storage entity~~,

wherein the network entity is configured to generate the initial request on behalf of the user, and

wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

47. (Previously Presented) The network entity of claim 46, wherein the network entity comprises at least one of a gateway, a server, a proxy, a client, or a user agent.

48. (Currently Amended) A storage entity, comprising:
two stored addresses of a communication control entity;
an address for an originating role; and
an address for a terminating role,
wherein the storage entity is configured to send one or both of the two stored
addresses to an application server on request for use in generating an ~~originating~~
~~request~~initial request on behalf of a user, and
wherein the ~~originating request~~initial request includes information regarding the
handling of communications associated with the request, the information in the initial
request indicating whether to originate or terminate a service.

49. (Canceled)